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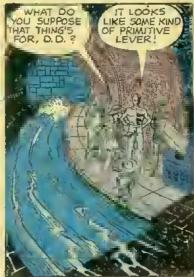
























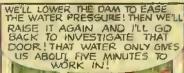
























































































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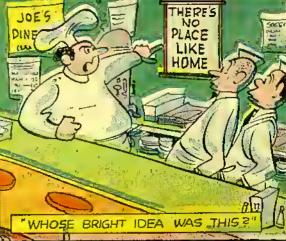
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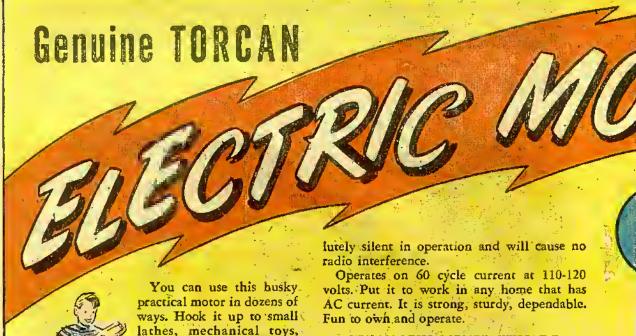
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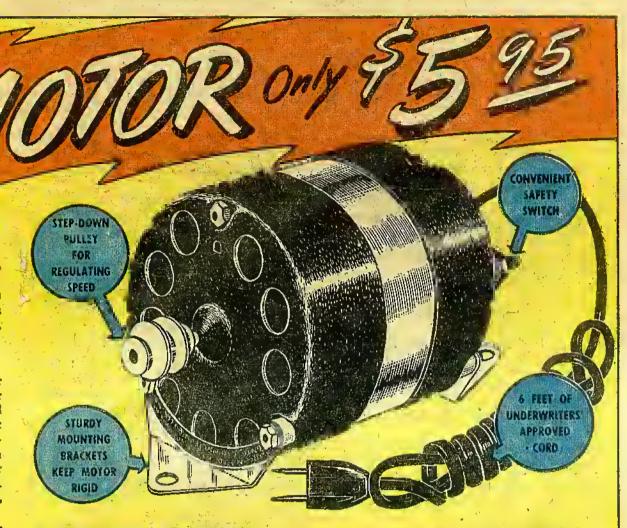
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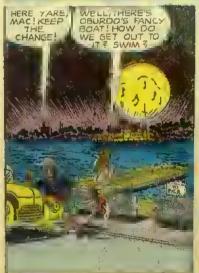














































































































# THE CASE OF THE DEATH-

# DEALING STATUETTE

## A C.B. STORY

OOVER, C. B. and Medical Inspector Wendell entered the library of the Merrin house at 9:12 P.M. Twenty minutes earlier, Fred Merrin had called headquarters to say, brokenly, that his father, Henry Merrin, had been murdered.

Mr. Merrin's long, lean body lay curled on the floor near a book covered wall, almost as if he had fallen asleep there. A wooden figurine in the form of a Chinese god lay on the thick rug near his head. Wendell walked over to the

body and bent to examine it.

Loover and C. B. turned their attention to the four live occupants of the room. Mrs. Merrin, a beautiful woman of about forty-five, was sitting in the big, comfortable desk chair. She was white and tense, but controlled. Her son Fred stood solicitously behind her, a protective hand on his mother's shoulder and a bewildered look on his face. Jean Merrin, his attractive young sister, stood just inside the doorway. She was sobbing freely and seemed equally unconscious of the arm around her shoulders and of the soothing words the owner of the arm was murmuring in a vain attempt to quiet her. He was Paul Lane, a pleasant-faced, athletic-looking young man and he towered over the girl who, like her mother and brother, was shorter than average.

"Mr. Loover?" Fred Merrin asked. At Loover's nod, he went on. "I'm Fred Merrin. This is my mother... my sister Jean... Paul Lane, Jean's ... er ... Paul Lane," he ended awkwardly. Loover listened as if their identities were news to him—as if he and C. B. had not, in the time between the call to headquarters and their arrival at the house, checked on the past and recent activities of the Merrins. The family was socially prominent and its doings were chronicled in the newspapers. A call to one of them had provided Loover and C. B. with more information than the subjects would have thought possible.

Mrs. Merrin, for instance, had been seen at the race tracks recently with a certain Bill Poole, while Mr. Merrin devoted himself to the book on stamp collecting he was writing. \ Jean and Paul, a struggling artist, were engaged in what the papers termed a "whirlwind courtship," in spite of the disapproval of her father. Fred Merrin's picture had been in the papers just two days earlier, when he had acquired a precious Chinese statuette for a fabulous sum. It was this that lay near his father's head. C. B., joining Wendell near the body, picked up the little statue gingerly, so as not to disturb any fingerprints that might be on it. Its weight, he no ticed, was much greater than its delicate appearance and small size of about a foot, suggested. After a minute he handed it to Wendell, who took it carefully, held it for a minute and handed it hack, nodding.

Loover, meanwhile, questioned Fred Merrin.

"You found Mr. Merrin yourself?"

"Yes," the young man nodded. "Mother want me in to find out how father was feeling. He left us right after dinner, saying he had a slight headache. I thought at first he had fainted, but the minute I touched him, of course, I knew...

"Did you touch anything in the room?"

"Just father. I started to pick up the statuette, but I realized it would be better not to. So I went to the phone and called."

"What were you doing just before you came

in to see your father?"

Mrs. Merrin spoke for the first time, "We were all together in the living room until I sent Fred in. Jean was playing the piano for us."

"And did any of you leave the room between the time Mr. Merrin left you and the time his

body was found?" Loover went on..

"We all did, at one time or another," Paul Lane answered from the doorway. I went out to send a telegram. Mrs. Merrin and Jean left to answer phone calls. And Fred . . ." he stopped.

"I went to tell Jimson to bring drinks," Fred said quickly. "I didn't want to interrupt Jean's

playing by ringing for him."

"I wonder if Jimson . . ." Mrs. Merrin said, and stopped.

"The servants are being questioned, Mrs. Mer rin," Loover replied.

Wendell stood up and spoke to Loover. "Concussion," he said briskly. Merrin died immedi

ately. 'That figure could have done it,"

"The statuette?" Mrs. Merrin murmured, "But how? It's so light."

No one paid any attention to her and Wendell rumbled on "He's been dead about an hour. I can't tell exactly. It's too warm in here. From the location of the bruise, the blow must have been delivered from above, in a downward sweep to the right,"

"What's that in your hand?" C. B. interrupted.
"This book?" Wendell looked at the object
he was holding. "I found it under the body."
He handed it to C. B., who looked at the volume,
then turned to look at the books on the shelves
behind the body.

"Whoever did it," Wendell concluded, "was either taller than Merrin or stood on a chair."

"Whoever it was didn't stand on a chair,"

C. B., turned around to say. "It would have left
a mark on this thick rug,"

"Did anyone hear any unusual sounds?" Loover asked. No one had. "Could anyone have broken in without being heard?"

Just then, Sergeant Martin, who had been questioning the servants, entered. "The staff all agree that breaking into the house is practically impossible," he interrupted, "The doors are all locked from the inside and there's an alarm system. That's to protect Fred Merrin's art collection."

"This is part of your collection, isn't it?" Loover asked, indicating the statuette.

"The most recent addition," Fred replied.

"Where was it kept?" C. B. asked.

"Right there." Mrs. Merrin pointed to an empty spot in the bookcase about two feet above C. B.'s head.

"You have an extensive collection?" Loover queried,

"Extensive and exclusive," Paul Lane said. "I was here when that figurine came. Fred insisted I touch it—to admire the texture. But he pushed me away when I started to pick it up. He said I might drop it. It can't be very fragile, though, considering. . . Then he put it up there, where neither Jean nor Mrs. Merrin would be able to get at it, he said."

"You're right, Lane," C. B. said. "It isn't fragile. It's much heavier than it looks—it's got a leaded base. But it does look light, as Mrs.

Merrin pointed out. It wouldn't occur to anyone to use it as a weapon — anyone but Fred Merrin, who knew how heavy it was. I suggest you arrest him, Loover."

"You're crazy," Fred Merrin shouted. "That's no evidence!"

"Don't be too sure," Loover said, grimly. "That's not all we have against you. You gave yourself away when you called up headquarters to say your father had been murdered. To any innocent person, his death would have looked like an accident, caused by the little statue's falling on his head. Only the murderer would think first of murder. But, of course, you wanted us to think it was murder—and suspect Paul Lane, who wants to marry Jean. That's why he got you to put yout fingerprints all over the statuete, Lane, not realizing that it was the least likely weapon for anyone but himself to choose."

Fred protested vehemently, but unconvincingly, until Loover said, "Take him away, Sergeant."

"But I still don't understand," Paul Lane said.
"Why did he try to throw the blame on me?"

"Well, C. B. said, "you were a likely suspect, since Mr. Merrin objected to your marrying Jean. And getting rid of you would prevent your marrying Jean, which Fred also objected to, because it would take Jean's share of her father's money out of his reach. He didn't want that, of course, since he committed the murder for money in the first place. I think we'll find that Fred found his allowance inadequate to pay for all the objects he wanted for his collection—so he took steps to get his inheritance,"

"But wait a minute," Paul said. "Fred's almost a foot shorter than his father was. How could he have hit him the way the examiner said?"

"He couldn't have, if his father had been standing," C. B. said. "But Mr. Merrin had just bent down to take this off the shelf." He held out the book Wendell had given him. "You can see the space where it belongs. Fred, of course, thought the downward blow would be another indication that you had done it. Too bad so much planning couldn't have been devoted to a good cause,"

"Too bad," Paul Lane said, "that he had to do this to learn that crime never pays," the end

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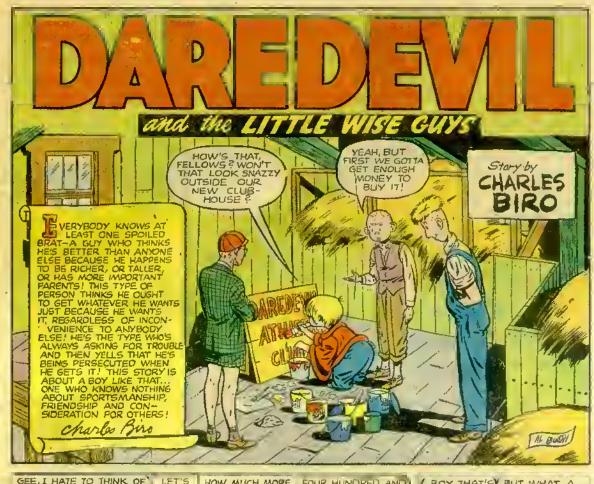
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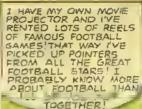














HMM...I SEE! WELL, WERE ALWAYS GLAD TO GET A GOOD PLAYER, AREN'T WE, BOYS? WE'LL TRY YOU OUT; SUPPOSE WE SEE HOW GOOD AN END YOU'O MAKE! GET OUT THERE AND I'LL TOSS YOU A PASS!

I'D RATHER PLAY HALF-BACK... BUT...































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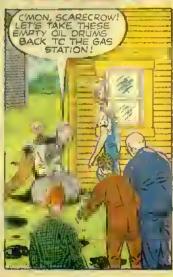




















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